SENATORS ASSAIL POLICY ON PUEBLO

Mundt Charges 'Bungling'— Rusk Is Said to Promise Review of Spy Ship Use

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 — The Administration ran into criticism and charges of "bungling" today in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for permitting the intelligence ship Pueblo to operate off the North Korean coast at a time of political tension in the Far East.

As a result of the criticism, Secretary of State Dean Rusk was reported to have given assurances that the Administration would reconsider its policies governing the operation of electronic spy ships off the shores of Communist nations.

Meanwhile, in New York, Senator Jacob K. Javits called for Congress to conduct an inquiry into the Pueblo incident and other foreign policy issues.

Mr. Rusk, who appeared before the committee in executive session for a secret briefing on the Pueblo incident, obtained the unanimous support of the committee members for the Administration's diplomatic efforts to obtain from North Korea release of the Pueblo and her crew.

The committee members were reported to have stressed that the Administration should not rush into any military action.

Committee Is Critical

But when Mr. Rusk asked for committee advice on how to handle the incident, he was reported to have received instead criticism of the Administration for permitting the incident to develop.

The sharpest criticism was reported to have come from Senator Karl E. Mundt, Republican of South Dakota, who is normally one of the more militant conservatives on the committee.

In response to the Rusk request for advice, Senator Mundt was understood to have complained that the Administration had "bungled very badly" in permitting the Pueblo to operate off the North Korean coast.

Senator Mundt was reliably reported to have told Mr. Rusk that "we should not be running spy ships into controversial areas in a provocative manner unless it is highly important that we get information that is not otherwise available."